

****Subject to council approval****

JONESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of June 18, 2025

A meeting of the Jonesville City Council was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at the Jonesville City Hall, 265 E. Chicago Street, Jonesville, MI. Mayor Arno called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Andy Penrose, Dean Adair II, Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., and Annette Sands.

Also present: Manager Gray, Public Safety Director Lance, WWTP Supt. Mullaly, Finance Director Spahr, Attorney Lovinger, County Commissioner Kevin Collins, Hannah Jordan from Domestic Harmony, County Clerk Abe Dane, Nicole and Chad Benson, and Dean Adair Sr.

Councilman Adair led the Pledge of Allegiance and the moment of silence.

A motion was made by Councilperson Guyse and supported by Councilperson Grider to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Updates were given by County Commissioner Kevin Collins.

County Clerk Abe Dane spoke to Council providing an overview of services offered by the County Clerk's office, new additions to their website, and Election statistics for 2024.

Hannah Jordan from Domestic Harmony gave information on the services they provide to the community and thanked Council for their support.

A motion was made by Councilperson Guyse and supported by Councilperson Penrose to approve the minutes from May 21, 2025 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Adair and supported by Councilperson Grider to approve the minutes from the May 29, 2025 Special Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Guyse and supported by Councilperson Humphries to receive and place the minutes on file from the Economic Development Partnership of Hillsdale County from April 10, 2025. A motion was made by Councilperson Sands and supported by Councilperson Humphries to receive and place the minutes on file for the following boards and committee meetings; Downtown Development Authority minutes from May 13, 2025, and Planning Commission minutes from May 14, 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Guyse and supported by Councilperson Grider to open a public hearing to listen to comments from the public about maintaining the current 16.388 millage rate. A public hearing was opened at 6:59. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed at 7:00p.m.

A motion was made by Councilperson Guyse and supported by Councilperson Penrose to open a public hearing for the Fiscal year 2025-26 Budget. Mayor Arno opened the public hearing at 7:01 and it was closed at 7:02, as there were no public comments. A motion was made by Councilperson Guyse and supported by Councilperson Adair to adopt Resolution 2025-13. Roll call vote: Ayes: Andy Penrose, Dean Adair II, Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Annette Sands and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilperson Sands made a motion and was supported by Councilperson Humphries to adopt Resolution 2025-14-Fee Schedule. Roll call vote: Ayes: Andy Penrose, Dean Adair II, Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Annette Sands and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Councilperson Humphries made a motion and was supported by Councilperson Guyse to approve the FY 2025-26 to 2030-31 Capital Improvement Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilperson Penrose made a motion and was supported by Councilperson Grider to approve the FY 2025-26 Employee Compensation. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilperson Grider made a motion, supported by Councilperson Adair to authorize payment in the amount of \$1,000 for Domestic Harmony Contract for services. Following further discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Grider to amend the amount to \$2,000, supported by Councilperson Adair. Vote to amend, All in favor. Motion carried. A vote to approve the motion as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Guyse and supported by Councilperson Grider to award the contract to Stillwell Ford in the amount of \$41,288.40 and to authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents for the purchase of the new WWTP Pickup truck. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilperson Adair made a motion and was supported by Brenda Guyse to waive the purchasing policy and authorize the repair of the Iron Removal Plant Well Pump to be granted to Peerless Midwest, Inc. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilperson Grider made a motion and was supported by Councilperson Guyse to schedule a public hearing for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate and Transfer of Certificate #2016-115 on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Jonesville City Hall, located at 265 E. Chicago Street. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilperson Adair made a motion and was supported by Councilperson Humphries to consider posting 148 Jermaine Street for sale. Council deliberated and agreed to set asking price at \$15,000. Any received offers would be brought to Council for action. All in favor. Motion carried.

Councilperson Penrose made a motion and was supported by Councilperson Guyse to approve Accounts payable for June 2025 in the amount of \$94,201.39. All in favor. Motion carried.

Updates were shared by Department Heads and Manager Gray.

At 7:46 a motion was made by Councilperson Penrose and supported by Councilperson Guyse to move into a closed session in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8a, to consider the evaluation of Manager Gray, per his request. Roll call vote: Ayes: Andy Penrose, Dean Adair II, Chris Grider, Brenda Guyse, George Humphries Jr., Annette Sands and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:59 p.m.

The Personnel Committee recommended recognizing Manager Gray with “Outstanding Performance”, and recommended the following:

- Provide a 3.4% cost of living increase to the annual base salary from \$100,132 to \$103,536.49

Councilperson Penrose made a motion and was supported by Brenda Guyse to approve the above recommendation of the Personnel Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Arno adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Deputy Clerk

Gerald E. Arno
Mayor